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General Of Fund Review for 1917-18

Proceedings of The Govt. Of His High-ness the Maharajah of Mysore.

Read:--The Administration Reports on the District Boards, for the year 1917-1918.

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There was not ~~appreciable~~ delay in the submission of the reports. The ~~report~~ report of each District Board has been reviewed separately and the progress made collectively by all the District Boards during 1917-1918 will be reviewed in this order.

Development of Local -Self Govt.

To give effect to the orders of xx Govt. on the Development of Local Self-Govt., a Local Boards and Village-Panchayats Bill was passed, and it became Law from the 1st July 1918, as Regulation VI of 1918, and repealed the Local Boards Regulation II of 1902.

3.Constitution and Working of Local Boards.

There were as in the previous year, 8 District Boards, 77 Taluk Boards, and 264 Union Panchayats. All the District Boards and 75 of the Taluk Boards, held the prescribed number of meetings. Fifteen of the Panchayats did not meet at all during the year. Of the remaining 249 Panchayats, only 39 met the prescribed number of (12) times during the year. The average attendance of members at the meetings of the District Boards, Taluk

audit. were ~~very~~ ordinary ~~ones~~, and xxx would not have occurred, had the rules and standing orders, been strictly observed by the responsible officers.

~~No perceptible improvement~~ is reported either in the ~~state of the books~~, or in the disposal of audit objection and xxx notes. This is ~~very~~ unsatisfactory, ~~The Presidents should obviate the irregularities, by employing only qualified men having a fair knowledge of accoun as Local fund clerks and xxxxx accountants. The responsible officer should devote their personal attention to the maintenance of the accounts without leaving them entirely to the charge of clerks.~~ The Presidents are also requested to insist on a systematic agreement of the accounts as xxxx maintained in their offices, with thei Banking accounts in the Treasury.

5. Financial Position

The income and expenditure of the District Boards during the year, compare with those of the previous year, as shown in the following statement.

The non-adjustment of the contributions sanctioned for the Drinking xx Water-Wells' Fund, in the accounts of the ~~Tumkur~~, ~~Mysore~~, ~~Hassan~~ and ~~Shimoga~~ districts for 1917-18, and the transfer of a sum of Rupees Five Lakhs, Forty-six thousand and ninety, at the credit of the Local fund General, to the District xxx Boards, in the accounts of the previous year, accounts for the apparent decrease under ~~xxxxx~~ Receipts during the year under Review. The assignment to the District Boards, of ~~Rural~~ Mohatarfa, ~~and~~ in rural areas and of ~~the other~~ ~~items~~ of the Local cess, on Abkari and other items of Revenue which was heretofore, credited to ~~xx~~ the Local-fund general (abolished from 1st July 17 accounts for the increase under House, shop and Mohartafa taxes" and Local cess" respectively. The increase under Railway cess, was due to the xxx levy of the cess, in the Mysore District for the first time, and to its levy throughout the year, in the districts of Shimoga, and Kadur, as against the latter half only in the previous year. xxxx The decrease under Expenditure, was xx chiefly under Railway Construction, as the Kolar District Board Railway, ~~was nearing~~ almost completion. The shorter outlay on Public Works undertaken in the Civil Department and under the Drinking water wells fund was to some extent counterbalanced by the larger expenditure on.

on works carried out by the Public Works Department during the year. The Kolar District Board continued to have a minus balance against it, on account of the over-drawals permitted for meeting the cost of the construction of the Kolar District Railway. The District Board has been allowed one year's time, to adjust the overdrawal by selling the Govt. of India Securities, held by it.

Demand, Collection, and Balance.

The assignment of Mohartafa in Rural parts to the District Boards, enhanced the current demand under House, Shop, and Mohartafa taxes, from Rupees, 142,095 in 1916-17, to Rupees, 421, 087, in the year under Review. Out of this demand, only Rupees, 66,042, or about 15.7% was left uncollected at the end of the year. Out of the arrears of previous years under this head, which amounted to Rupees 124,033, at the beginning of the year, only 30% was collected and a sum of Rupees 86, 893, remained uncollected at the end of the year. The outstandings in the Mysore, Bangalore and Shimoga Districts, were very heavy. The arrears under Tolls in the Mysore district, (Rs.3,705) and under ferries, in the Shimoga District, (Rs.4,045) were also very heavy. The attention, of the Presidents is invited to the observations of Government in para 6 of the

the General Review, for 1916-17, and they are requested to take prompt action to write off all irrecoverable items and collect all recoverable items without undue delay.

Public Works.

The outlay incurred in the Public Works Department, amounted to Rs.4,48,472 ~~472,~~ Of this, 74 % was spent on re---- pairs, mainly of Roads. In the Civil Department, a sum of Rs.103, 078, was spent on Public Works, and out of this, 39 % was incurred in one circle. ~~For the construction of one new road in each district, Government sanctioned in connection with the Road Programmes, a lump sum grant of Rupees, 50,000, and for facilitating the construction of new roads, an annual fg grant of Rs. 50,000 has also been sanctioned for 5 years.~~ The condition of roads, in the Kolar District, is reported to have shown no improvement. To enable the District Boards to maintain the roads in a ~~maxx~~ more satisfactory condition, the mileage grants in the Bangalore, Shimoga, and Kadur Districts, have been suitably increased and the ~~xxxx~~ advisability of submitting suitable proposals, in the matter has been pointed out to the Presidents of the Kolar, Tumkur, and Hassan District Boards.

Fifty-four percent of the grants for xxxx

In connection with a general scheme for improving road facilities in the state Govt. in their order No:6841-51-D.B 191-13-28 dt 21.5.1918 sanctioned a sum of Rs 50000/- for the Construction of one important road in each Dist besides allotting a similar sum for each of the next 5 years & widened the Dist Boards & take up the construction of new roads

The survey of the line from Chitaldrug to Sira, via Hiriyur, was completed ~~xxx~~ work during the year. The construction of the Chikjajur-Chitaldrug Railway, was ~~xxxxx~~ begun in January 1918. The cost of construction of the line, is to be met to the extent of one-half by the Chitaldrug District Board, and the rest by government. ~~The~~ the District Board, ~~have to provide~~ the required funds ~~raised by means of~~ a Debenture Loan, the collections under which amounted to Rs.72,052, ~~at~~ up to the ~~close~~ end of the year.

9. Rural ~~-Water-Supply~~

239 wells were completed ~~xxxxxxxx~~ during the year, against 208 in the xxx previous year. The expenditure incurred was Rs.75,213, against Rs.85,897. in the previous year. The progress was not satisfactory. The Musto's Boring Plant purchased by the Chitaldurg District xxx Board, was found useful, and satisfactory. The attention of the Presidents, is invited ~~to the Review of~~ to the G.O. of the 19th Nov 1918 reviewing the progress under ~~xxxxxxx~~ the Rural Water Supply Scheme, and they are requested to draw up a programme, for the systematic execution of the works, and ~~xxxx~~ suitably notice all cases of xxx slack work on the part of the Executive

The purchase of the plant for one Musto boring unit and Tumkur boring unit has also been sanctioned

Asst Secretary

10. Conservancy and Sanitation.

The amount spent on Conservancy and Sanitation rose from Rs. 85, 886, to Rs. 89,930. The village sanitation rules

have been improved, and it is hoped, that this measure will result in a larger number of vaccinations being done and a close supervision over the work done in rural areas.

2. Vital Statistics.

The toal number of births and deaths recorded during the year, was 90,780, and 95,512, against 99,421, and 86,056, respectively in the previous year. There was a general increase in the number of deaths in all the districts except Kadur principally on account of the prevalence of Cholera, in a severe form in the Kolar, Tumkur, and Chitaldrug Districts and of both Cholera and Small pox in the Mysore District.

General.

The administration of the District Boards during the year, was on the whole fair but improvements in respect of collection of revenue and execution of Public Works, are urgently called for. With the facilities afforded by the revision of the establishments of the District and the recently instituted Taluk Boards, and with the larger powers and responsibilities, devolving on the local bodies as well as increased expenses, under the new regulation, it is hoped, that the Boards will administer their affairs more efficiently, and enlist the co-operation of the non-official public to a larger extent.

Revenue Secretary

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To

The Presidents of District Boards.

Dy. Commissioners of Districts.

The President of the K.C.F. Sanitary Board.

The Comptroller,

The Chief Engineer,

The Senior Surgeon,

The Sanitary Commissioner,

Revenue Commissioner.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS

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Finance Committees and audit of accounts.—None of the Committees except that of Chitaldrug met regularly once a month to audit the accounts. The Committees in the Mysore and Hassan Districts held only one and two meetings, respectively, during the year. This is not satisfactory. The Presidents should make proper arrangements for the regular conduct of the audit by the Finance Committees. It is satisfactory to note that the audit of the accounts by the Local Audit staff of the Comptroller's office did not disclose any grave irregularities. With a view to introduce the half-yearly audit of the accounts, the accounts up to the end of December 1917, were fully audited in the Bangalore and Tumkur Districts. The defects noticed during audit do not call for special remarks.

5. *Financial Position.*—The income and expenditure of the District Boards during the year compare with those of the previous year, as shown in the following statement.

Items	1917-18	1916-17
Receipts.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Allotment from Local Cess	6,13,988	5,61,964
2. Railway cess	2,33,240	1,77,876
3. House, shop and mohatarfa taxes	3,92,035	1,37,346
4. Tolls	39,153	45,415
5. Ferries	7,149	5,806
6. Market	23,552	23,662
7. Accommodation to travellers	3,377	,612
8. Fines under Sanitation Rules	758	,765
9. Interest on investment	12,436	9,330
10. Contributions	42,756	,5,489
11. Deposits	27,814	45,221
12. Drinking Water Wells Fund	64,307	2,30,125
13. Other items	23,826	1,10,356
Total Receipts	15,84,391	19,36,967

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Items	1917-18	1916-17
Expenditure	Rs.	Rs.
1. Public works executed by Public Works Department	448,472	4,11,652
2. Public works executed by Civil Department	103,078	1,28,964
3. Administration and collection	68,111	67,591
4. Conservancy and sanitation	89,930	85,886
5. Medical relief	89,343	92,775
6. Accommodation for travellers	28,475	27,279
7. Railway construction	31,512	1,91,353
8. Repayment of deposit	24,523	31,903
9. Drinking Water Wells Fund	75,213	85,897
10. Other items	93,433	1,35,755
Total Expenditure	10,52,090	12,59,055

The non-adjustment of the contributions sanctioned for the Drinking Water Wells Fund in the accounts of the Tumkur, Mysore, Hassan and Shimoga Districts for 1917-18 and the transfer of a sum of rupees five lakhs forty-six thousand and ninety, at the credit of the Local Funds General to the District Boards in the account of the previous year, accounts for the apparent decrease under receipts during the year under review. The assignment of the District Boards of mohatarfa in rural areas and of portion of the local cess on Abkari and other items of revenue which was heretofore credited to the Local Funds General (abolished from 1st July 1917) accounts for the increase under "House, Shop and Mohatarfa taxes" and "Local cess" respectively. The increase under Railway cess was due to the levy of the cess in the Mysore District for the first time, and to its levy throughout the year in the districts of Shimoga and Kadur as against the latter half only in the previous year. The decrease under expenditure was chiefly under Railway construction, as the Kolar District Board Railway was almost complete. The shorter outlay on public works undertaken in the Civil Department and under the Drinking Water Wells Fund was to some extent counterbalanced by the larger expenditure on works carried out by the Public Works Department during the year. The Kolar District Board continued to have a minus balance against it, on account of the overdrawals permitted for meeting the cost of the construction of the Kolar District Railway. The District Board has been allowed one year's time to adjust the overdrawal by selling the Government of India Securities held by it.

6. *Demand, collection and balance.*—The assignment of Mohatarfa in rural parts to the District Boards enhanced the current demand under House, Shop, and Mohatarfa taxes, from Rs. 1,42,395 in 1916-17 to Rs. 4,21,087 in the year under review. Out of this demand, only Rs. 66,042, or about 15·7 per cent was left uncollected at the end of the year. Out of the arrears of previous years under this head, which amounted to Rs. 1,24,033 at the beginning of the year, only 30 per cent was collected and a sum of Rs. 86,893 remained uncollected at the end of the year. The outstandings in the Mysore, Bangalore and Shimoga Districts were very heavy. The arrears under tolls in the Mysore District (Rs. 3,705) and under ferries, in the Shimoga District (Rs. 4,045) were also very heavy. The attention of the Presidents is invited to the observations of Government in para 6 of the General Review for 1916-17, and they are requested to take prompt action to write off all irrecoverable items and collect all recoverable items without undue delay.

7. *Public Works.*—The outlay incurred in the Public Works Department amounted to Rs. 4,48,472. Of this 74 per cent was spent on repairs, mainly of roads. In the Civil Department a sum of Rs. 1,03,078, was spent on public works and out of this 39 per cent was incurred in the Unions. The condition of roads in the Kolar District is reported to have shown no improvement. To enable the District Boards to maintain the roads in a more satisfactory condition, the mileage grants in the Bangalore, Shimoga and Kadur Districts have been suitably increased and the advisability of submitting suitable proposals in the matter has been pointed out to the

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Fifty-four per cent of the grants for public works in the Civil Department was allowed to lapse during the year, the lapses ranging between 30 per cent in the Bangalore and Kolar Districts, and 68 per cent in the Shimoga District. This is not satisfactory. All the incomplete works of previous years should be completed and their accounts closed at a very early date. New works should be commenced and executed according to a carefully prepared programme and systematic adherence to the programmes and regular inspection and supervision of works in progress by the local officers should be insisted upon to minimise lapses of budget grants.

8. *Railways.*—The gross earnings of the "Kolar District Railways" from Bowringpet to Chikballapur, (63·98 miles amounted to Rs. 1,58,400, and the working expenses to Rs. 1,05,735, or 66·75 per cent of the gross earnings. The net earnings amounted to Rs. 52,665 which represents a return of 2,75 per cent on the capital outlay. The preliminary survey for the opening of a line from Kolar to Mulbagal was sanctioned by Government, and the alignment of the line was also approved by the District Board during the year. The survey of the line from Chitaldrug to Sira *via* Hiriyur was completed during the year. The construction work of Chikjajur-Chitaldrug Railway was begun in January 1918. The cost of construction of the line is to be met to the extent of one-half by the Chitaldrug District Board and the rest by Government. To provide the required funds the District Board have raised a Debenture Loan, the collections under which amounted to Rs. 72,052 up to the end of the year.

9. *Rural water-supply*—Two hundred and thirty-nine wells were completed during the year against two hundred and eight in the previous year. The expenditure incurred was Rs. 75,213 against Rs. 85,897 in the previous year. The progress was not satisfactory. The Musto's Boring Plant purchased by the Chitaldrug District Board was found useful and satisfactory. The purchase of the plant one for the Mysore District, and another for the Tumkur District has also been sanctioned. The attention of the Presidents is invited to the Government Order of the 18th November 1918, reviewing the progress under the Rural Water Supply Scheme which demands closer supervision.

10. *Conservancy and sanitation.*—The amount spent on conservancy and sanitation rose from Rs. 85,886 to Rs. 89,930. The Village Sanitation Rules were in force in 10,724 villages. There were at the end of the year 1,221 villages into which the rules had still to be introduced and of these 558 were in the Mysore District. Prompt steps should be taken to introduce the rules into the remaining villages as early as possible. Six hundred and thirty-seven persons were prosecuted for breach of the rules and 295 were convicted during the year.

11. *Medical relief and vaccination.*—In the 120 Local Fund Dispensaries subsidised in part by the District Boards, 1,289,634 patients were treated against 1,210,342 patients in the previous year. The increase was chiefly in the Chitaldrug District and has not been explained. The number of persons vaccinated was 68,009 against 65,096 in the previous year, the decrease being chiefly in the Kadur, Chitaldrug and Hassan Districts. The pay and prospects of vaccinators have since been improved and the District Boards have now been given jurisdiction over the staff and its work. The Presidents of the District Boards are requested to watch the results.

12. *Vital Statistics.*—The total number of births and deaths recorded during the year was 90,785, and 95,512 against 99,421 and 86,056, respectively, in the previous year. There was a general increase in the number of deaths in all the districts except Kadur principally on account of the prevalence of cholera in a severe form in the Kolar, Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts, and of both cholera and small-pox in the Mysore District.

13. *General.*—The administration of the District Boards during the year was [illegible] fair but improvements in respect of collection of revenue and execution

of public works are urgently called for. Rural sanitation also deserves greater attention. A scheme for the improvement in the pay and prospects of Sanitary Inspectors is now engaging the attention of Government. With the facilities afforded by the revision of the establishments of the District and Taluk Boards and their reconstitution under the new Regulation and with the larger powers and responsibilities devolving on the Local Boards under the new Regulation as well as increase of resources chiefly through the transfer of the Revenue under Local Fund General, it is hoped that the Boards will endeavour to administer their affairs more efficiently and enlist the co-operation of the non-official public to a larger extent.

B. RAMASWAMAIYA,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Dept.

To—The Presidents of District Boards.
The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
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